

# Arizona Department of Education School Improvement Rubric Overview

The School Improvement Rubric is anchored in the scientifically research-based principles and indicators that consistently distinguish top-performing schools. The indicators are defined within the following four standards:

**Standard 1:** School and District Leadership Capacity

**Standard 2:** Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development

**Standard 3:** Classroom and School Assessments

**Standard 4:** School Culture, Climate, and Communication

The School Improvement Rubric serves three primary functions:

- 1) As a *blueprint* to communicate the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction's high expectations for all Arizona schools.
- 2) As a *self-assessment tool* to be used by the educational community at the local level.
- 3) As an *external assessment tool* to be used by Arizona Department of Education School Improvement Teams.